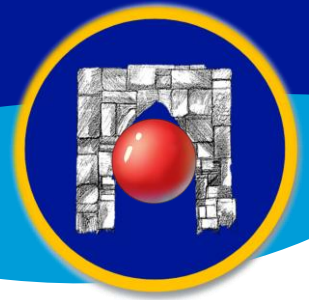


# The Priory Press

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



It has been lovely to see all the children and staff wearing an item of red to support 40 years of Comic Relief. So far, we have raised £189! We would like to thank you all for your donations.

## **Pride of Priory**

Last week the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – June and Isaac  
Hepworth – Ellie and Anais  
Kusama – Henry and Emily C  
Matisse – Ezra and Finley  
Ringgold – James and Ellis  
Warhol – Tenniel and Katie

This week the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Henry and Bella  
Hepworth – Penny and Oliver  
Kusama – Emily S and Jackson  
Matisse – Hugo and Ira  
Ringgold – Ollie and Huey  
Warhol – Brad and Craig

## **Multiplication Morning**

Thank you to all the families from Kusama and Matisse who joined us for the Multiplication Workshop. We received lots of positive feedback and look forward to running more events like this in the future, that support all children to make the best possible progress.

## **Join our team!**



We are currently looking to recruit additional members of staff to support at lunchtimes in the dinner hall. If you are interested in 1 to 5 days a week in a role from 12.00 – 1.30. The role involves, setting up the hall with tables and chairs, supporting the children whilst they eat, clearing and sweeping the hall and supporting the children in play outside.

Please [Click Here to Apply](#)

## **Class Punctuality**

Well done again to Warhol class for being the most punctual in the school. Remember, children must be lined up in the playground ready for their teacher to collect them at 8.40.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Warhol
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Britto
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hepworth
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ringgold
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matisse
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kusama

**5 MINUTES  
LATE PER DAY**  
Adds up to 3 days  
lost school time!

## PTA Disco



Don't forget to buy your tickets for the school disco next Friday.

## Rock Steady Concert

Our next Rock Steady concert is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15. If your child is interested in joining Rock Steady, click here for more details.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents/>

## Whole School Educational Visit

We are delighted to have booked a school trip for the whole school. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, all pupils (and most of the staff!) will spend the day at the Chatham Green Wilderness Foundation Project. Our learning will be linked to different areas of the Science curriculum. More details to follow....

## Meet a Governor



Megan Tomlin has been a member of the governing body since October 2020 . She is currently responsible for Safeguarding, Phonics & Reading . Lots of you will know Megan as a teacher who has previously worked at the school, a parent or the leader of our Wellbeing Club from Happy Healthy Minds.

## Happy School Bag Collection

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a clothing collection with the Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme on Monday 31st March





# Spring DISCO

**Friday 28th March**

Reception, Years 1 & 2	16:30 - 17:30
Years 3 & 4	17:45 - 18:45
Years 5 & 6	19:00 - 20:00

**£5 per Ticket**

**Sweets and Glowsticks sold seperately**

**Entrance School Office Main Entrance  
Pick-up Keystage 2 Gates**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

## CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

## VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out. For example, however, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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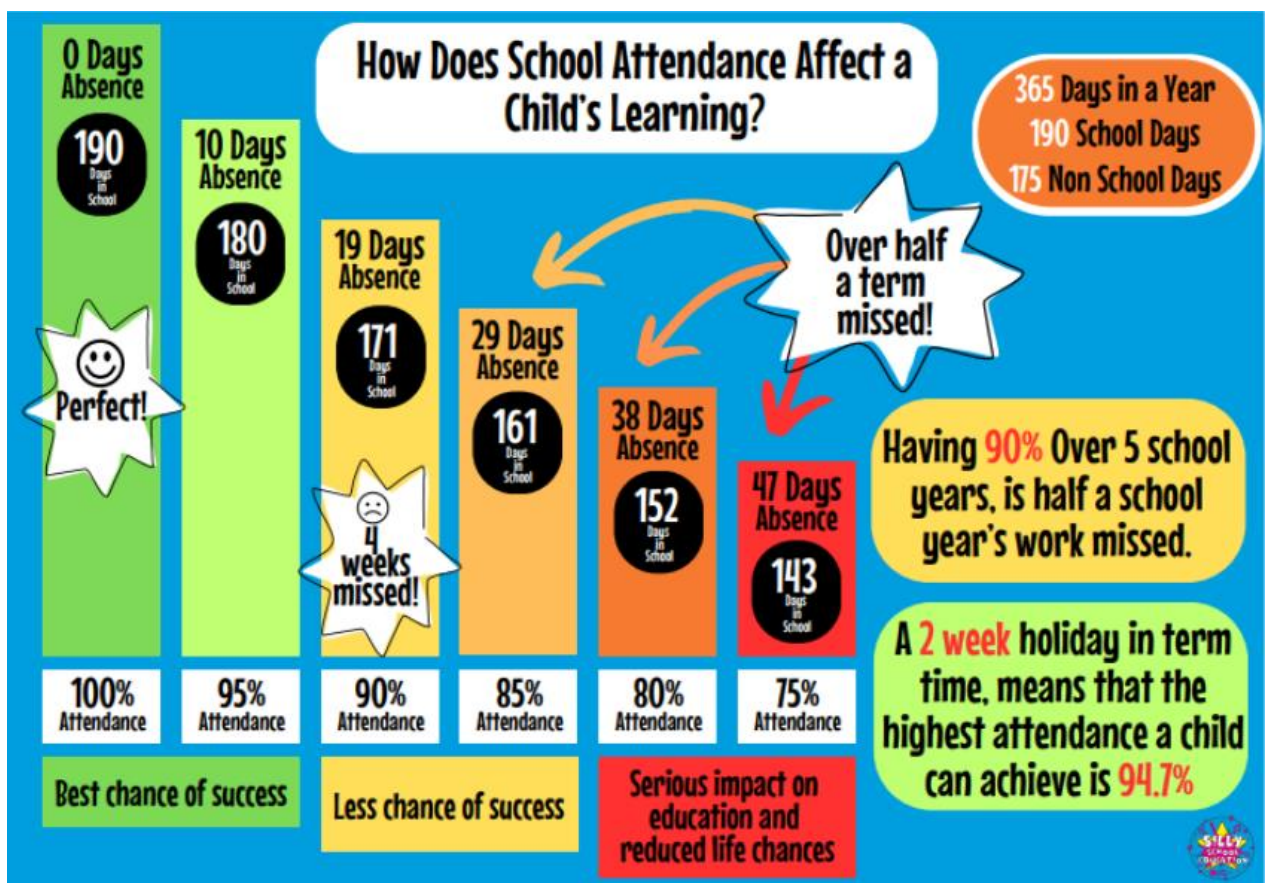
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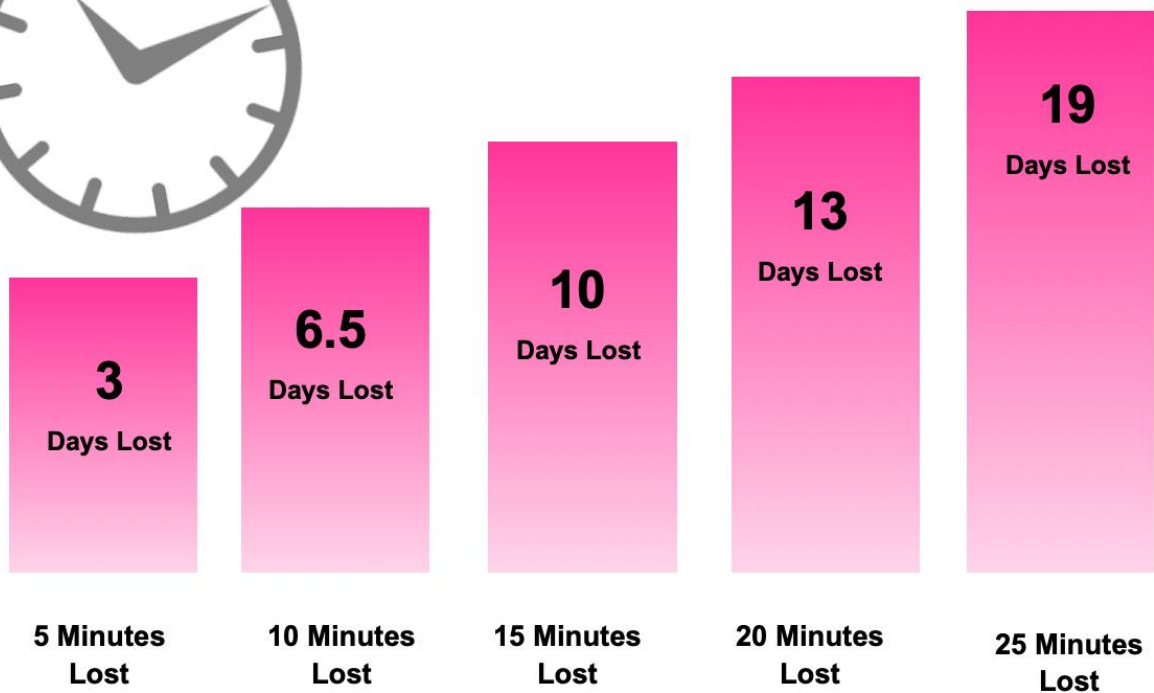
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... being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



## Dates for your diary

- **24/03/2025-28/03/2025** – PTA Mother's / Carers Day Sale
- **28/03/2025** – PTA School Disco
- **31/03/2025- 01/04/2025(am)** – Happy School Bag collection
- **01/04/2025** – Class Photos
- **01/04/25 & 03/04/25** – Parent Consultation Evening
- **02/04/2025** – Year 3 Swimming starts
- **03/04/2025** - Parent Consultation Evening
- **04/04/2025** – Rocksteady Concert **2.15pm-3pm**
- **04/04/2025** – Last Day (School finishes at **3pm**)
- **07/04/2025-21/04/2025** – **HALF TERM**
- **22/04/2025** – **Inset Day / Non-Pupil day**
- **23/04/2025** – EYFS & KS1 Transport Workshop
- **12/05/2025-16/05/2025** – SATS Week
- **19/05/2025-23/05/2025** -Walk to school week
- **16/06/2025** – Whole school trip
- **17/06/2025** – Year 6 Group Photo
- **30/06/2025** – Year 2 Minigames
- **27/06/2025** – Summer Fair
- **09/07/2025** – Sports Day
- **11/07/2025** – Y6 Leavers Disco
- **18/07/2025** – End of year – School finishes at **2.45pm**